# The Old Stone Church

NOVEMBER 3, 2024 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY WITH COMMUNION **10 AM Sanctuary Worship** 

## WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE

Adagio Tomaso Albinoni and Remo Giazott Arr. Jamin Hoffman

WELCOME

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

INTROIT

Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith is Firm REPTON

Give thanks for those whose faith is firm when all around seems bleak: On God's good promise they rely, so while they live and when they die How forcefully they speak: the strong, who once were weak!

Give thanks for saints of ages past and saints alive today: Though often by this world despised, their hearts by God are richly prized. Give thanks that we may say we share their pilgrim way.

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

How often have we imagined the ruler of glory far off? God is not in some remote heaven but here.

We wait in silence for God's appearing.

Come, Holy One, to wipe away our tears.

Stretch out your hands and open your hearts. Purify your lives from all deceit and falsehood.

God reaches out to comfort and cleanse.

We can sense God's hand of blessing resting on us.

The earth and all things in it are God's.

The world and all its people belong to God.

We are God's people, called and saved by Christ. We are the saints who share in Christ's ministry.

#### \* INVOCATION PRAYER

Creator of all life, who could dare to stand before you were it not for your vindication of us? You are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end of all things. You take away our disgrace and restore us to wholeness. You swallow up death in the larger reality of life eternal. You grant hope for a new heaven and earth even in the midst of our present struggles. Surely you will bless us in this time of worship, unbinding us from our dull routines and freeing us to worship in spirit and in truth. Amen.

\* HYMN #375

Shall We Gather at the River

HANSON PLACE





A Baptist pastor wrote this hymn while seated at his parlor organ. Created as an alternative to gloomy "river of death" hymns, it is a celebration of the "pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb" (Revelation 22:1 KJV).

TEXT and MUSIC: Robert Lowry, 1864

HANSON PLACE 8.7.8.7 with refrain

#### \* CALL TO CONFESSION

Melissa Maffia

We have hidden our soiled hands and impure hearts from one another, but we cannot hide from God.

We are dead in our sin, yet Christ reaches through the stench to offer new life, not just a few little adjustments, but a transformed outlook and purpose.

If we want to be healed, we are invited to a time of confession.

Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession,

followed by time for silent personal confession.

Thus, we pray together;

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#### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are unprepared to meet you, mighty God, but we cannot put off this encounter. You continue to summon us to the mountaintop, there to feel your presence and respond to your Word. You invite us to lift up our heads and to see the ruler of glory, but we have stubbornly refused to acknowledge your work among us or to see any purpose emerging from the depths of our despair. We fear death. We shrink from life. This is our greatest sin, cutting ourselves off from you.

God help us!

(moment of silent confession)

\* KYRIE ELEISON #578

O Lord, Have Mercy

ORÉ PORIAJÚ VEREKÓ

O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.

O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy, have mercy on us.

#### \* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God is ready and able to help us

when we welcome the Ruler of glory into our lives.

God's home is among us and within us.

We know that when we take time to be aware.

Every place we go is a holy place because God is there.

All our denials do not change that.

Our defacement of the holy is not the last word.

God is Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.

God is here in these moments to fill us with a sense of forgiveness

and to free us from our sin.

Praise God!

#### Alleluia and Amen!

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

#### And also with you.

Let us offer a sign of peace to one another.

\* GLORIA #582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, Whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose live has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

#### OFFERTORY INVITATION

Please be seated: As God wipes away our tears, we are called to be tissue-bearers to the world. When there is pain and suffering, the church has a healing mission. Where there is doubt and despair, we offer hope's embrace. Much of this ministry we offer personally, but our outreach is extended by the material offerings we give. May this be a time of generous sharing! The offering will now be received.

#### **OFFERING**

OFFERTORY

In Paradisum from *"Requiem"* 

Gabriel Fauré

In Paradisum deducant Angeli in tuo adventu suscipiant te Martyres et perducant te in civitatem sanctam Jerusalem Chorus Angelorum te suscipiat et cum Lazaro quondam paupere aeternam habeas requiem Aeternam habeas requiem

May the angels receive them in Paradise, at thy coming may the martyrs receive thee and bring thee into the holy city Jerusalem

There may the chorus of angels receive thee, and with Lazarus, once a beggar,

may thou have eternal rest. May thou have eternal rest.

\* DOXOLOGY #607

OLD HUNDREDTH

#### Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

#### \* OFFERTORY PRAYER

Melissa Maffia

Let us join our voices in prayer:

The earth is yours, O God, and all that is in it.

We have received untold blessings from your hand.

You set before us the vision of a new heaven and a new earth inviting us to share in its formation.

May the love of Jesus be expressed to others by our sharing of gifts, both person-to-person and through the investment of dollars to support the ministries of others.

This offering of service and sacrifice is the high point of our worship. Amen.

\* OFFERTORY RESPONSE All Things Come of Thee Herbert C. Peabody All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.

# WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let us pray together:

Through your Word, O God, let your Holy Spirit open our insight, remove our ignorance, kindle our zeal, and bind us to you, in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE READINGS

Epistle

Revelation 21:1-6a (Inclusive Bible)

Then I saw new heavens and a new earth. The former heavens and the former earth had passed away, and the sea existed no longer. I also saw a new Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down out of heaven from God, beautiful as a bride and groom on their wedding day. And I heard a loud voice calling from the throne,

"Look! God's tabernacle is among humankind!

God will live with them;

they will be God's people,

and God will be fully present among them.

The Most High will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

And death, mourning, crying and pain will be no more, for the old order has fallen." The One who sat on the throne said, "Look! I'm making all things new!" and added, "Write this, for what I am saying is trustworthy and true." And that One continued, "It is finished! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.

The Holy Spirit has a word for each of us today.

With God's help we are listening.

When Mary got to Jesus, she fell at his feet and said to him, "If you had been here, Lazarus never would have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the other mourners as well, he was troubled in spirit, moved by the deepest emotions. "Where have you laid him?" Jesus asked. "Come and see," they said.

And Jesus wept. The people in the crowd began to remark, "See how much he loved him!" Others said, "He made the blind person see; why couldn't he have done something to prevent Lazarus' death?"

Jesus was again deeply moved. They approached the tomb, which was a cave with a stone in front of it. "Take away the stone," Jesus directed. Martha, said, "Rabbi, it has been four days now. By this time there will be a stench." Jesus replied, "Didn't I assure you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took the stone away. Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Abba, thank you for having heard me. I know that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd, that they might believe that you sent me!" Then Jesus called out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" And Lazarus came out of the tomb, still bound hand and foot by linen strips, his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus told the crowd, "Untie him and let him go free."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

#### PASTOR'S MESSAGE



"Life Everlasting"

Pastor Stephen C. Blonder Adams

### WE RESPOND IN LOVE AND FAITH



Lacking punctuation and rhyme in the text and bar lines in the music, this meditative Lord's Supper hymn may at first seem like random musings. But both parts of the hymn are made up of careful patterns that combine to waken memory and to evoke a strong sense of God's presence.

NOW Irregular

#### \* INVITATION TO THE MEAL

We come to this table, not because it itself is so special, but because it is an echo of another table, a table that stretches as far as the eye can see a table that is laden with God's good gifts a table where no one goes hungry or sits alone.

A table where everyone we ever loved and who ever loved us sits and feasts together. In our own lives, we sit at tables where there are empty chairs; people we love and miss people who no longer stop by for dinner or come in for the holidays.

We grieve those empty chairs, but know that in Christ, our separation is only a temporary thing. I invite you to think about the saints in your life, the people whose memory you carry in your heart.

At this time we intone the names of those that have gone before us, invoking their spiritual presence here and now that they may add their witness and blessing to this sacred meal.

Mark Biviano, Terry and Yolanda Brown, Andrew "Bucky" Buchanan, James Cooke, Jean Cooke, Jimmy Donovan, David R. Eifert, William Fawcett, Gus Frangos, Carol Hoagland, Kathy Hubert, Catherine Joslyn, Nova Kordalski, Tony Kordalski, Helen and Bob Murray, Andrew and Anna Macuga, Edward Macuga, W. Walter and Anna McGee, Dorothy Ismond McNab, Mary and Frank Nixon, Scot O'Con, Bryant Pasko, John Petrus, Timothy Petrus, Caroline Poirier, Lee Rutti, Gail M. Reid, Andy and Robert Spevak, Wilfred and Martha Thomas, Barbara Ward, George W. Welshimer, Joanne McGee Welshimer

If a name of you loved one hasn't been spoken, I invite you to name them aloud at this time, don't worry that others will be speaking at the same time. For all those we have mentioned in your presence, God, we give thanks, and come gladly to this table to eat once more with those we love to join with all the saints, all our saints in praising Jesus Christ, who defeated death and leads us all to God's heavenly banquet. All are welcome here.

The Lord be with you.

#### And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

#### It is right to give our thanks and praise.

With Isaiah the prophet, we give you thanks for the promise of your heavenly banquet, a feast of rich food and well-aged wine; for the strength of your steadfast love, destroying the shroud of sin and shame; for the gift of your saving grace, our long-awaited day of deliverance. Therefore we rejoice in you, singing with the saints of every age:

> Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.Hosanna in the highest.Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.Hosanna in the highest.

With Mary and Martha, we remember Jesus his liberating word and healing touch, his saving death and life-giving resurrection, his promised return and glorious realm. In Christ you seek to restore us and all creation to the fullness of life.

We pray for all in need of healing, whether it be in body, mind, or spirit... Barbara Yoost, Francis Sequeira, Clayton Rohrer, Shirley Daly, Barbara Haynes, Hannah Reid, Kimberly Williams, Amy Wheeler, Madison, Olivia Costa, Cathy Clegg, the Warfel family

We pray for the repose of the souls of Eric Warfel and Delynn Warfel, may their memory be a blessing.

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, let us pray as our Savior has taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

#### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

With thanksgiving, we remember how Jesus took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

#### Barukh ata Adonai Eloheinu melekh ha'olam

#### hamotzi lekhem min ha'aretz.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe,

who brings forth bread from the earth.

This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. We remember how he took the cup, saying:

#### Barukh ata Adonai Eloheinu melekh ha'olam

#### borei p'ri hagafen.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe,

who creates the fruit of the vine.

This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this in remembrance of me.

As often as we share this bread and cup,

we proclaim the saving death of the living Lord, until he comes in glory to reign.

#### PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Praise to you, Lord Jesus: Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.

#### Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, O God,

as we share this feast of bread and the fruit of the vine.

Make us one in the body of Christ our Lord

and one in the company of your saints.

With John the Divine, we look with hope for the coming of your new creation, a new heaven and a new earth; for an end to suffering and mourning,

when every tear will be wiped away; for the fulfillment of your ancient promise on the day when you make all things new.

Through Christ, the Alpha and Omega, in the communion of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, O God, now and forever.

#### Amen.

#### SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Please partake of the elements as you receive them, and then place the cup back into the tray. You may then light a candle in petition of prayer or in remembrance. Take this bread, share the fruit of the vine. In these Christ comes to us with love from God. The gifts of God for the people of God. Starting from the back of the sanctuary you are invited to come forward at this time.

COMMUNION ANTHEM Agnus Dei from *"Requiem"* Gabriel Fauré

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi dona eis requiem, sempiternam requiem. Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine Cum sanctis tuis in aeternum, quia pius es Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis

O Lamb of God, that takest aways the sin of the world, grant them rest, everlasting rest.

May eternal light shine on them, O Lord, with Thy saints for ever, because Thou are merciful. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine on them.

\* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

Jesus Christ, lamb and shepherd, we remember you here, as we remember all your saints. Help us to remember you not just in this sanctuary, but in our homes and schools, our cars and offices, to remember that every part of our life is shot through with your grace and that we are never alone, but surrounded by a cloud of witnesses united by your love. Amen. For All The Saints

SINE NOMINE



The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

\* COMMISSION AND BLESSING

People of God, come out of your past.

Embrace the future God offers us today.

The bindings of sin are removed, and we are free.

The chains of fear are broken so we can live.

The world awaits the good news you may bring. Your sisters and brothers need your healing touch.

#### The home of God is in our midst.

We will live as members of the household of God.

Lift up your heads and be lifted up.

Open your doors to the ruler of glory.

We welcome the God who welcomes us. We rejoice in the One who is making all things new.

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

Sevenfold Amen

Peter Lutkin

POSTLUDE

Sonate Nr. 10, K.V. No. 245 Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

#### "My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever." Psalm 73:26



We continue to keep in our prayers:

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We pray for the repose of the souls of Eric Warfel and Delynn Warfel, may their memory be a blessing.

We pray for those struggling with illness, convalescing, homebound or in need. Names are generally removed after four weeks unless there is a continuing need.



Wednesdays at 12:15 PM please join us in the Sanctuary for a Mid-Week Communion Service.



Special Thank You to the OPUS216 String Quartet for sharing their talents with us this morning.

# Old Stone Church

Sunday November 3 All Saints Sunday/Daylight Savings Time Ends **9:00AM** Bible Study-Pastor Denise/Gallery **10:00AM** Worship/Sanctuary **1:00PM** Browns/Chargers **Tuesdav November 5** 7:00PM Commentary on the Gospel of John/ZOOM Wednesday November 6 **12:15PM** Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary 7:00PM Romans: A Letter for Today/ZOOM Sunday November 10 **9:00AM** Bible Study-Pastor Denise/Gallery **10:00AM** Worship/Sanctuary **11:30AM** Communion/Chapel 11:30AM Mission and Urban Wellness Committee Meeting/ Cuyahoga Room/Second Floor 1:00PM Journey of the Soul-Pastor Stephen/Memorial Hall **Tuesday November 12** 7:00PM Commentary on the Gospel of John/ZOOM Wednesday November 13 **12:15PM** Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary 7:00PM Romans: A Letter for Today/ZOOM **Thursday November 14** 2:00PM Worship Committee Meeting/ZOOM Sunday November 17 9:00AM Bible Study-Pastor Denise/Gallery **10:00AM** Worship/Sanctuary **11:30AM** Communion/Chapel **Tuesday November 19** 7:00PM Commentary on the Gospel of John/ZOOM Wednesday November 20 •CHURCH• 12:15PM Mid-Week Communion/Sanctuary 7:00PM Romans: A Letter for Today/ZOOM

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> Rayna Brooks, *alto* Reese Henrick, *alto*

Dae Williams, *tenor* Stephen Brown, *tenor* Marius Scheiner, *tenor* 

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